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Applicant: Forney et al.

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BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed July 1, 2005, rejecting the following claims: 1-20.

The items checked below are appropriate:

1. Status of Applicants

This application is on behalf of ☒ other than a small entity or ☐ a small entity.

2. Fee for Filing Notice of Appeal

Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.20(b), the fee for filing the Notice of Appeal is for: ☒ other than a small entity or ☐ a small entity.

Notice of Appeal Fee due \$500.00

3. Extension of Time

☒ Applicants petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136, the fee for which is \$1,020.00.

☐ An extension for one-month has already been secured and the fee paid therefore of \$120.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total amounts of extension now requested.

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- ☐ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

Extension fee due with this request: \$1,020.00

4. Total Fee Due

The total fee due is:

Notice of Appeal Fee	\$500.00
Extension Fee (if any)	\$1,020.00

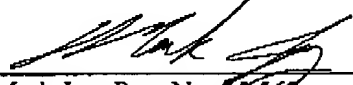
Total Fee Due: \$1,520.00**5. Fee Payment**

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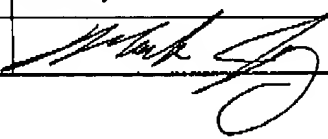
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Respectfully submitted,


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